

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on January 3, 3008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment to the claim omits the limitation “fully” from the phrase “fully enclosed free area” in claim 8. The amendment is after an Ex-Parte Quayle action, and thus, prosecution prior to the amendment was closed. Thus the amendment changes the scope of claim 8 and is improper. The reasons for allowance (see office action dated 11/1/2007) clearly stated that the allowable subject matter was due to the specific positioning of the sensitive areas such that a portion of the sensitive area was within a **fully enclosed free area** of another sensitive portion. Applicant’s amendment removing the limitation of “fully” improperly changes the scope of the claims and is thus non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTINE SUNG whose telephone number is (571)272-2448. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 9-5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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